GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WAITING LIST IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in the various cities of West Bengal, district- wise/city-wise as on date;

(b) the number of telephone connections allotted in these cities during the last three years, district-wise/city-wise;

(c) the number of telephone connections proposed to be allotted during the year 2005-06; and

(d) the time by which the above waiting list is likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) District-wise details of the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in West Bengal, as on 31.03.2005, are furnished in Annexure.

(b) District-wise details of the number of telephone connections allotted in West Bengal during last three years are furnished in Annexure.

(c) The number of telephone connections proposed to be provided in West Bengal during the year 2005-06 are furnished below:

Wired Line	-	2,41,350
WLL	-	3,15,000
CMTS	-	12,73,500
TOTAL	-	18,29,850

(d) The waiting list is likely to be cleared by 31.12.2005

ANNEXURE

DISTRICT-WISE DETAILS OF THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON THE WAITING LIST FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN WEST BENGAL (AS ON 31.03.2005) AND DELs PROVIDED DURING LAST THREE YEARS

S. No	Name of districts	Waiting List	Telephones provided during		(DELs)
			2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1	Burdwan	15831	36092	25300	27294
2	Murshidabad	7463	10656	7431	12310
3	Bakura	7622	10465	7609	7394
4	Howrah	9103	4540	2983	3651
5	Hoogly	14791	14369	9436	10326
6	24 Paragannas (N)	10529	10207	6704	7543
7	24 Paragannas (S)	8814	8694	5711	6425
8	Coochbehar	5487	5008	4225	6176
9	Jalpaiguri	1674	11077	9004	10964

10	Midnapur	20470	25858	24969	35184
11	Nadia	6554	17104	11383	11112
12	Malda	2157	8429	5475	6739
13	Purulia	2718	4747	3720	4381
14	Dinajpur(N)	482	5032	3590	3647
15	Dinajpur(S)	224	5468	3667	2649
16	Darjeeling	4570	20122	16478	18702
17	Birbhum	6812	9773	7441	10264
18	Kolkatta	4609	127641	165801	389718
	Total	129910	335282	320927	574479